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1. Between 3 and 16 May 1953, the occupation strengths, service colors and training activity observed were unchanged in the following installations: the Kleine Kaserne, southwest of the Aue-Schneeberg road; the Hochhaus, 100 meters southeast of the Kleine Kaserne; and the Neue Kaserne, south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg railroad line, in Aue; Restricted Areas I and II in Auerbach; the barracks installation at Shaft No 60, southwest of Eibenstocker Strasse; the barracks installation west of the townhall, on the southern border of the town; the Box furniture factory at the intersection of Karl Marx Strasse and Linden Strasse; the former Wendler factory on the extension of Linden Strasse; and the officers' club, in Johanngeorgenstadt; and the former Kutscher factory, north of the railroad station, in Schwarzenberg. 2

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2. On 16 May, the barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohnau was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and including about 100 officers up to, and including, colonels; and by about 60 dogs. On 12 May, about 200 troops were seen in a simulated attack toward Teufelskanzel, south of the installation. A radio station was on the Teufelskanzel and tank dummies were on either side. 3

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3. On 16 May, the Mehnert factory was occupied by about 950 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including about 60 officers with ranks up to, and including, colonels; about 20 uniformed women; and about 10 dogs. On 11 May, about 55 soldiers were firing with rifles at the firing range at the quarry; about 30 soldiers at combat practice were seen in the trench area on Frehlberg; and several groups of soldiers practiced marching on Stalin Platz. 4

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5. On 3 May, five 85-mm AA guns were in the AAA emplacement on the slope of hill No 409.0, about 400 meters north of the smalthouse near Aue. Two low wooden buildings, each about 20 meters long, and one low wooden building, about 6 meters long, were in the sandpit adjoining to the east. On 3 May, about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were cleaning the guns in the emplacement.

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6. On 2 May, seven AA guns, presumably 37-mm guns, were in the AAA emplacement on Dimitroff Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt. On 26 April, about 35 soldiers engaged in service of the piece drill in the emplacement. <sup>6</sup>
7. On 2 May, the Neue Kaserne between Dimitroff Strasse and Eibenstocker Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The troops stationed in this installation were employed as drivers in the shafts. Source learned that one Major Kirshov (fnu) was commanding officer.
8. On 2 May, the barracks installation at Shaft No 60, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied by about 450 to 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at the shafts. <sup>1</sup>
9. On 2 May, the barracks installation west of the townhall, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at the shafts. <sup>7</sup>
10. On 2 May, the Box furniture factory, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 30 April and 2 May, about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen drilling in the barracks area. The troops stationed in the installation were employed in guard duty at the shafts. [REDACTED] 25X1C
11. On 2 May, the former Wendler factory was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 24 April and 2 May, about 180 to 200 troops were seen drilling on several days. All soldiers, except for the NCOs, had closely cropped hair.
12. On 10 May, the barracks installation in Breitenbrunn was occupied by about 350 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with engineer insignia, and about 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. This unit, as previously, engaged in work in the shafts and guard duty. <sup>7</sup>
13. On 10 May, the barracks installation in Beierfeld was occupied by about 450 to 500 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with construction engineer insignia. <sup>8</sup> Between 24 April and 10 May, 100 troops from the installation were shipped to Frankfurt/Oder and 100 young replacements arrived. The troops were exclusively employed in the shafts. Colonel Mikhailov (fnu) stationed in this installation was repeatedly seen in Breitenbrunn and the Kutscher factory with his sedan [REDACTED] 25X1C
14. On 10 May, the barracks installation south of Raschau was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 20 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. The troops, except for the engineers, were employed in guard duty at the shafts. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen en route from and to the installation. <sup>8</sup> 25X1C
15. On 10 May, the former Kutscher factory was occupied by about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] lieutenant colonel who wore red-bordered golden epaulets [REDACTED] On 5 May, about 260 troops left the installation toward the training grounds for firing at the firing range, aiming practice, entrenching work and practice attacks. They returned at about 5 p.m. [REDACTED] 2 25X1C

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16. On 10 May, five medium canvas-covered AA guns were in the AAA emplacement on Lehnberg, northwest of Schwarzenberg. The emplacement was guarded by four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Vehicles were sheltered in a vehicle shed about 31 meters long, and the gun crew was quartered in two low wooden buildings, about 12 meters long. A radio station was in a wood patch, about 250 meters northwest of the emplacement. The radio station included 4 small one-story buildings, each about 5 meters long; an overhead antenna, about 60 meters long; 2 masts without antenna, each about 5 meters high; and 1 radio truck with a rod antenna and mounting a weir-basket shaped device, about 2.2 meters high. Source expressed the belief that the radio station was manned by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 8

17. The installation in Crandorf, south of Schwarzenberg; the installation in Antonshoehe; Shafts No 336 east of Hirschsprung; and No 126 at Hammerwald; and the installation 2 km northeast of Antonstal were occupied as previously by each about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, the troops thus totaling about 750 men. Only the troops stationed in Crandorf and Antonstal were employed in guard duty. The troops stationed in the other installations were, on 8 May, seen receiving training at the firing ranges and in the training area in the immediate vicinity of the quarters. Training observed included the passing of an obstacle course and the throwing of hand grenades. 8

18. On 1 May, the AAA emplacement near Aue was occupied by about 45 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and four 76.2-mm AA guns. 6

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about 45 soldiers were firing with rifles in the training area west of the Bernsbach-Aue road. 25X1C

20. On 12 May, the installation south of the main street in Oberschlema was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was fully lighted at dusk. Two watchtowers were manned by each one guard.

21. On 12 May, the installation in Wildbach was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Source did not observe any training activity or vehicular traffic. 3

22. On 12 May, the Kleine Kaserne in Aue was occupied by about 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, which were employed as previously in guard duty at the Wismut Corporation. On 12 May, about 60 troops armed with sub-machine guns and rifles left the installation for drill and advanced combat practice in the vicinity of the installation. 7

23. On 12 May, the installation west of the Niederschlema-Aue railroad line was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 20 April, about 140 troops left the installation, source believed, for a field exercise. They returned at about 11:30 a.m. [REDACTED] 25X1C

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Compare with a report by the same source in April 1953. See [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] reported the Kutscher factory occupied as previously by 1,500 MVD troops [REDACTED] reported the installation occupied by 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1X

3. [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of the installations mentioned.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The Mehnert factory has been occupied by about 500 MVD personnel.

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. According to a sketch furnished by source, the radio truck mounted a broom antenna and a radar for AAA, presumably of type AA Nr 4 MK 3 (v).

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. The occupation strength of these installations is about 500 troops less than previously reported.

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8. [REDACTED] Comment. Compare with a previous report by the same source. See [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED] Comment. This is the first information on a personnel exchange in the uranium mining area. The information appears credible as other reports also indicated that an exchange, presumably of specialists, started in March 1953. [REDACTED]

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